



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

## LOCAL ENERGY COMMITTEE

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### **Local Energy Committee (LEC)** **Minutes for January 12, 2016 meeting**

6:00 PM Nesmith Library

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
  - a. Attendees: Pat Manzo, Matt Rounds, Peter Tousignant and Mark Kovacs
2. Old Business
  - a. Minutes for July 14, 2015 approved after correcting meeting start time to 6:00 PM; Motion passed 3-0
  - b. Liberty Utilities had requested Windham LEC write to PUC in support of Liberty Utilities petition for franchise to bring natural gas service to Windham and Pelham. LEC decided (3-0 vote) that LEC could not generate such a letter in view that Windham Board of Selectman (BOS) had already done so and LEC is an advisory arm of the BOS and not empowered to support private projects independently. M. Kovacs to inform Liberty Utilities of this decision.
  - c. Mark Kovacs provided a review of the status of the Liberty Utilities PUC petition to bring natural gas service to Windham.
  - d. Mark Kovacs provided a review of the status of the Merrimack Valley Reliability project aimed at upgrading high voltage transmission lines passing through Windham.
3. New Business
  - a. Matt Rounds requested that the LEC consider its objectives for 2016. This will be a topic for discussion for the next LEC meeting.
  - b. The LEC discussed the Library's interest in installing a solar power system. Peter, an LEC member and Library trustee, provided recent background. Carl Heidenblad, Library Director, joined our discussion and provided additional detail on recent discussions with ReVision Energy. Carl reported that the Library was still waiting for a firm proposal. He did express an interest in investigating a larger scope solar project which could involve the Library and Police and Fire Department

buildings. Matt agreed to provide the documentation to initiate an application for a solar installation which would “reserve” a portion of the state-mandated quota for solar power generation. The Committee agreed to arrange a meeting with Dave Sullivan to initiate a discussion of bringing solar power to the Library, Police and Fire Departments.

4. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM by vote of 4-0.